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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX NEW APPLICATION Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the following preliminary amendments be made, prior to calculating the filing fee.

AMENDMENT

In the Specification

Please insert before "Technical Field" as the first sentence the following statement:

This Application is a continuation of US Patent Application Serial Number 09/380,059, filed 8/25/99 and now US Patent 6, 329 403, which was the National Stage of International Application Serial No. PCT/JP99/03496, filed June 29, 1999. - -

Please amend page 2, lines 26-27 by deleting

[patients accompanied by a high-degree of obesity] and inserting therefor - - obese patients - -

Please amend page 21, line 3 by deleting [central] and substituting therefor - - controller - -